

Agricultural.

Starting Early Potatoes.

A correspondent of the Cottage Garden says:
To have a few early potatoes I have found the following system to answer well. I plant my potato sets in pots, say about five or six inches in diameter; the soil I use is a pure, turfy, moiden loam, and charred earth with a little soot. Being in pots they can be started whenever there is a little heat. While they are coming on in the pots, leaves and a little manure are put into a pit or frame; after the bed is in a fit condition of heat, the surface is covered eight inches deep with half rotten leaves. When the heat is up the plants are plunged in this material, and the plants kept in the same pots are the size of large pears or small marbles. This can be easily ascertained by turning them out of the pots. I consider the chief advantage derivable from this system is that as they are confined in the pots only a limited supply of nutriment is afforded, which causes the plants to tuber much sooner than would otherwise be the case. Whenever I find that the young potatoes are as large as I have stated I immediately take off the top soil the pots were plunged in. If I find the heat is deficient I add a little new warm manure to the inside of the bed and turn it over. Then having had some good, dry, turfy soil, and charred or burnt ear, with a mixture of a little soot, the bed is covered over to the depth of four or five inches; the potato plants are next turned carefully out of their pots and planted in a furrow in rows in the new soil, after it has attained the natural warmth of the bed.
I never use any manure, but a little soil is put on the drills after the plants are established. By keeping them near the glass and well aired at every favorable opportunity, a good crop of fine, natural-flavored potatoes will be obtained.

The Action of Frost.

The most fertile and productive regions are those where the first frost penetrates the earth deeply and exerts its influence during a considerable portion of the year. The action of the frost is a powerful stimulant to the soil. It disintegrates it, and unlocks the closely combined elements and thus sets free vast quantities of plant food. Its action also counteracts the compressive force of rains and the tread of teams and other animals, so each year lifts up and lightens the compact earth. With frost to aid, the farmer need not plow and cultivate so much, to put the soil in good condition, as when this element is not operative. In this aspect, then, Winter is a blessing to a farmer, and he should wisely avail himself of all its advantages. If he cannot plow and harrow during half the year, let him expose his soil with judgment to the action of the frost which silently plows and harrows, subsoils and rolls for him. On heavy and naturally strong, rich lands, thorough Fall plowing is advisable. If the surface is left rough, it is perhaps better; if left lumpy the clods disintegrate and crumble to dust under the ice fingers of the frost farmer. The addition of fertilizers to such soil in the Fall is wise because they become intimately mixed with it by the combined action of the frost and water, and are then immediately available for the plants when growth begins in the Spring.
Farmers who complain that the long Winters do not permit thorough culture, under-estimate the value of the action of frost. It is a noteworthy fact that where Winter is most severe, within the temperate zones, the soil is prolific, and good crops certain to a degree much beyond that of lower latitudes. The soil seems stimulated to productiveness in proportion to the time and severity with which the frost acts upon it.

How Clover Improves the Soil.

Professor Noebeck explains the action of clover in increasing the fertility of soils as follows:
All who are practically acquainted with the subject must have seen that the best crops of wheat are produced by being preceded by crops of clover grown for seed. I have come to the conclusion that the very best preparation, the very best manure, is a good crop of clover. A vast amount of mineral nature is brought within reach of the corn crop, which otherwise would remain in a lock-up condition in the soil. The clover plants take nitrogen from the atmosphere, and manufacture it into their own substance, which, on decomposition of the clover roots and leaves, produce abundance of ammonia. In reality, the growing of clover is equivalent to a great extent, to manuring with Peruvian guano; and in this paper of mine I show that you obtain a larger quantity of manure than in the largest dose of Peruvian guano which the farmer would ever think of applying. It is only by carefully investigating subjects like the one under consideration that positive proofs are given, showing the correctness of intelligent observers in the field.

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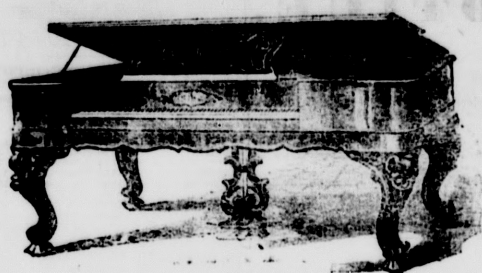
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